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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

REF: A. STATE 126646; B. CAIRO 5425

1. ON JUNE 2, EMBOFF SPOKE WITH HEINICHEN, ACTING
OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR BASIC ECONOMIC QUESTIONS IN
FONOFF, AND WITH BOECKER, THE DESK OFFICER FOR MIDDLE
EAST, TO FOLLOW UP CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMAN OFFICIALS
IN PARIS AND WASHINGTON ON AID TO EGYPT AND TO CONVEY
CONTENTS PARA 3 REF A. THEY NOTED THAT THIS PROBLEM
WAS ALSO RAISED IN THE CORRIDORS OF THE NATO SUMMIT,
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AND THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WAS INFORMED. THEY CON-

FIRMED THAT FRG IS GIVING HIGH PRIORITY TO STUDY OF REQUEST FOR \$100 MILLION TO FINANCE IMPORTS, BUT COULD NOT YET GIVE ANY ASSURANCE ON THE AMOUNT FRG WOULD PROVIDE. BOECKER WONDERED WHETHER OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY KUWAIT AND ABU DHABI, MIGHT BE URGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT, AND WHETHER SAUDI ARABIA MIGHT BE URGED TO PROVIDE MORE THAN \$250 MILLION.

2. BOECKER PLANS TO ACCOMPANY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAHN WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON JUNE 17, AND PLANS AT THAT OCCASION TO DISCUSS AID TO EGYPT WITH THE DEPARTMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM.

3. IN LINE WITH MINISTER GENSCHER'S COMMITMENT TO THE SECRETARY, FRG IS INSTRUCTING ITS EMBASSIES IN EC CAPITALS TO URGE THAT OTHER EIGHT HELP IN PROVIDING EMERGENCY AID. FRG ALSO PLANS RAISE THIS AT JUNE 16 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN DUBLIN. BOECKER IS SKEPTICAL, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER EC COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE MORE THAN MARGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO INFORM FRG ABOUT US REQUEST TO SAUDIS TO ASK FOR KUWAITI PARTICIPATION, AS REFERRED TO IN REF. B.
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